



Associate Director for Policy & Research to tackle Global Wasting

The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) seeks an Associate Director for Policy & Research to help advance ECF's efforts to tackle Global Wasting, as part of ECF's broader commitment to scaling up high impact nutrition interventions. Reporting to the Foundation's Senior Director for Policy & Research, the Associate Director will play a leadership role in informing, shaping, and executing ECF's strategy to tackle Wasting at a Global level.

The Associate Director for Policy & Research (Global Wasting) will provide dynamic leadership on global topics to improve coverage and cost-effectiveness of wasting solutions, including but not limited to financing for wasting interventions, market-shaping for lipid-based nutrient (LNS) products, and improved approaches to wasting treatment and prevention. This includes serving as a thought leader and collaborating with external partners to positively influence global action.

The Associate Director will oversee ECF's growing, multi-million-dollar portfolio of research and policy investments in global wasting. This includes research into improved approaches for wasting treatment, global knowledge projects focused on wasting, and initiatives with a range of partners to support policy uptake of improved approaches outside of ECF's focus countries.

The Associate Director will also provide key inputs and advice to colleagues across the Foundation within our collaborative organizational structure. This includes providing input and support to ECF's country programs in focus countries, collaborating closely with other members of the ECF team both in DC and in the countries. This also includes leading ECF's knowledge management on global wasting, ensuring that ECF's Research, Policy, Advocacy and Communications outputs reflect the best current knowledge in the space, and briefing ECF's Executive Team and Board of Directors on important issues and updates.

This is an opportunity to think boldly and ambitiously about the future of global wasting, develop engagement and grantmaking strategies to drive towards impact, and work with a dynamic team to deliver on a multi-year vision to drastically cut the number of children who die unnecessarily each year due to child wasting.

A successful candidate will have a deep commitment to global development and a "sick-of-business-as-usual" attitude, with an unrelenting desire to advance ambitious and creative ideas and collaborate across diverse stakeholders. A professional who is interested in an expanding portfolio and who wants to have a significant impact on global health and philanthropy will thrive. This position is based in Washington, DC.

Key Responsibilities (overall):

- Cultivate new and existing relationships with ECF research grantees and funding partners, in close coordination with other members of the Research & Policy Team.
- Proactively identify new investment opportunities and design new programs and grants. This work will include a strong focus on how ECF investments can be catalytic in spurring

others to act and operate at scale.

- Advise grantees during the application process and conduct due diligence in compliance with ECF's policies and procedures.
- Oversee monitoring and evaluation efforts for wasting research and policy grants.
- Foster ECF's growing grantee coalition, including identifying synergies across grants and creating and managing strategic fora for cross-grantee collaboration and learnings.
- Maintain leading knowledge of ECF's nutrition advocacy, research, and implementation grants and findings.
- Provide expert advice to ECF's team and community of partners.
- Support the Senior Director of Policy & Research to develop and implement a robust policy leadership agenda that aligns with the best available evidence on key topics.
- Help bring the global malnutrition community to the next level by providing high-level thought leadership, encouraging and contributing to bold, outside-the-box thinking.
- Synthesize new findings, including from ECF investments, to provide contextualized analysis for ECF staff and partners.
- Skillfully represent the Eleanor Crook Foundation at external convenings and events. In doing so, the AD will be expected to ask hard questions, provide thoughtful answers, and remain restless in the fight against malnutrition.
- Help establish and maintain strong working relationships with a wide range of potential partners to advance and nuance ECF's strategic objectives in global wasting and support our grantee efforts.

Qualifications:

We would expect strong candidates to have many of the qualifications listed below. We don't expect or seek "perfect" candidates. We encourage all interested candidates to apply. If you are on the fence about applying because you are unsure whether you are qualified, we would strongly encourage you to apply.

- Experience designing, executing and/or overseeing high quality, policy-relevant research
- Experience using results from high quality research to influence global, national or subnational policies and programs
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with experience in senior stakeholder engagement and representation. Fluency in English is required; fluency in additional languages (especially French!) is a plus.
- Demonstrated expertise in global and national efforts to address severe wasting. While we do not expect a candidate to have experience in all aspects, the following are relevant to this role:
 - Global and national policy reforms on wasting treatment
 - Global and national financing and resource mobilization for wasting treatment services and commodities
 - Scale up of CMAM programs and strengthening relevant health sector delivery systems
 - Production, procurement and distribution of RUTF
 - Innovations in wasting treatment to enhance its cost-effectiveness, scalability and sustainability
- Ability both to work independently and to collaborate effectively with international teams.
- Ability to hold staff and partners to high standards of excellence, while maintaining a positive work environment.

- We would expect though not require that a successful applicant has at least 10 years of experience working in malnutrition and related areas. Professional experience at relevant UN agencies, multilateral institutions, bilateral donor agencies and national governments is a plus.

Location:

This position is anticipated to be based at ECF's headquarters in Washington, DC. Our team operates on a hybrid work schedule, with in-office collaboration 1-3 days per week (with flexibility and discretion based on the work need). Remote work from other locations may be considered, should there be a clear and compelling business benefit.

It is anticipated that this role will include up to 20% travel to countries where ECF is supporting programs, as well as international events.

ECF offers a vibrant, mission-driven organizational culture and competitive compensation. Please submit your resume, cover letter, and compensation requirements to hiring@eleanorcrookfoundation.org